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OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Administrative and support arrangements for the secretariat, including interim arrangements

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole following informal consultations

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decisions 3/COP.1 on the designation of a Convention secretariat and arrangements for its functioning, administrative and support arrangements, and 4/COP.1 on interim arrangements for the Conference of the Parties and for the Convention secretariat,

Recalling also United Nations General Assembly resolution 52/198 of 18 December 1997 on implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

Taking note of the secretariat report on institutional and interim arrangements for the Conference of the Parties and the Convention secretariat, 1/

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1. Accepts the arrangements as outlined in the secretariat report referred to in the preamble to this decision;

2. Notes with appreciation the appointment by the Secretary-General of the first head of the Convention secretariat in accordance with its decision 4/COP.1, paragraph 4;

3. Calls on the General Assembly, bearing in mind the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations and the large number of States, including those which are on the list of least developed countries, that are Parties to the Convention, to decide to finance from the regular programme budget of the United Nations the conference servicing costs arising from sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies for the duration of the institutional linkage approved by the General Assembly, including the fourth and fifth sessions of the Conference of the Parties and meetings of its subsidiary bodies in the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001;

4. Requests the Executive Secretary to transmit to the General Assembly the report and decisions of its second session;

5. Reiterates its appreciation to Governments, the United Nations system, multilateral financial institutions, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations that have supported the interim secretariat;

6. Invites the international community, the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental institutions and the private sector to continue to support and cooperate with the Convention secretariat and requests the Executive Secretary to collaborate with those entities with a view to reaching understandings that specify the nature of the cooperation and support that each entity would provide.